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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

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In response to the first Office Action, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 2 and 32, and amend claims 1, 3, 31-39 and 42 as follows:

1. (Amended) An apparatus for <u>at least one of particle and chemical</u> analysis of reagent mixtures having a plurality of reagent-mixture components, comprising: